

# BOARD OF LIBRARY COMMISSIONERS

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## MINUTES

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#### SAN DIEGO PUBLIC LIBRARY

Wednesday, August 2, 2017

## ATTENDANCE

### Commissioners:

**Present:** Abby Weiss, Katherine Nakamura, Sarah White, Wendy Urushima-Conn, Ann Haddad, Elizabeth Fitzsimons

**Absent:** Alan Ziegaus

**Staff:** Misty Jones, Library Director; Nicole Spriggs, Executive Assistant; Sheila Burnett, Deputy Director, Support Services; Jason Grani, Senior Civil Engineer, Engineering and Capital Projects, Public Works Department; Charlie Goldberg, Marketing Director, San Diego Public Library Foundation

**Public:** Ann McDonald, Isabel Schechter, Ernesto Vasquez, Sree Sankaran

## CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by Commissioner Weiss at 12:38 p.m. in the Sullivan Commission Room. Commissioners Weiss welcomed newly appointed member Elizabeth Fitzsimons to the Board.

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The July 5, 2017 minutes were approved unanimously.

## REQUESTS FOR CONTINUANCE

None.

## NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

**REPORT FROM THE FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY:** Charlie Goldberg for Joan Reese

The corporate Friends monthly book sale continues to do well. The July sale exceeded expectations despite parking and other challenges related to the main Saturday sale occurring on the day of and in close proximity to the Pride Parade. The next book sale is scheduled for Friday-Sunday, August 18-20; the University Heights Friends chapter will assist with and benefit from the Saturday sale. Online Amazon book sales in collaboration with the Central Friends chapter continue to go very well.

For the third year, the Friends of the San Diego Public Library sponsored the participation of library staff in the Pride Parade by underwriting the registration fee, and also this year most of the cost of special T-shirts for the marchers. This was planned by the library's LGBTQIA Library Services Committee, and participants included committee members, library staff, family members, friends and Friends of the Library. There were over 50 people in the Friends contingent, which was very well received by the parade watchers with applause, cheers, high-fives and comments of "I love the library!"

The Friends annual meeting will take place on the morning of Saturday, September 9, in the Neil Morgan Auditorium at the Central Library.

**LIBRARY FOUNDATION UPDATE:** Charlie Goldberg

The Library Foundation is currently working on the Celebration under the Dome event scheduled for November 11, 2017. The deadline for sponsors was extended to August 15<sup>th</sup>. The Foundation thanked library staff for their assistance with planning for this event. The Foundation thanked Board of Library Commissioners for attending the Mission Hills-Hillcrest Groundbreaking event that was held on Monday, July 31<sup>st</sup>. They were excited to see the public attend this event as well. The Foundation is working on a 13 million campaign to support the Library of which 10 million has been raised through several donors. They are in the final phase of the campaign with 3 million remaining. Opportunities for the community will be announced in the Spring of next year.

**CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

a. Report on Library Construction Projects – Jason Grani

San Ysidro Branch Library:

Design build presentation on the San Ysidro Branch Library done by Turner Construction and SVA Architects. Scheduled to break ground in the beginning of 2018.

Mission Hills-Hillcrest Branch Library:

The building permit was issued for the library on July 7. Excavation for the two story underground parking structure is ongoing and approximately 60% complete. A groundbreaking ceremony and Mayor's press conference was held at the library site on July 31 at 10:00 a.m.

San Carlos Branch Library:

The project team met with the Commission for Arts and Culture staff in July to identify opportunities for public art in the project. Domusstudio architecture is working on the project bridging documents and incorporating the Development Service Department building review comments into the design. The architects are planning to send the library plans to the county for review and comment regarding the current soil conditions and proposed design.

Pacific Highlands Ranch Branch Library:

This project provides a new 18,000 square library on a 1.5 acre graded site located adjacent to Village Center Loop Road in the Village at Pacific Highlands. The consultant agreement with Architects Hanna Gabriel Wells for design and construction support services was negotiated and is routing for Infrastructure Committee and City Council approval this fall.

b. Update from the Library Director – Misty Jones

A list of library events for the month of August was distributed. Some of those events included: *Sky Party @ The Library*, several City libraries are hosting viewing parties during the solar eclipse on August 21<sup>st</sup> at 9:45 a.m.; *Steampunk Day @ the Library*, members of San Diego Steampunk will introduce our community to the wonderful world of Steampunk and demonstrate the various ways the genre is used in S.T.E.A.M. education on August 13<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. at the Central Library; *Rokenbok: See like a Designer-Think like an Engineer*, using Rokenbok 3-Dimensional engineering systems, kids ages 6+ will be introduced to the design process and be able to build functional prototypes on August 29<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m. at Carmel Mountain Ranch Branch Library.

The Mission Hills-Hillcrest Groundbreaking took place on Monday, July 31, 2017. Mayor Faulconer, Assemblyman Todd Gloria, Councilmember Ward, as well as, Library Foundation staff, the San Diego Foundation staff and members of the community were all in attendance.

Ms. Jones noted that a meeting is being scheduled between library staff and SDUSD staff to discuss ways of sharing resources that the library offers with teachers. Ms. Nakamura suggested discussing Foundations' involvement in a possible wine and cheese event.

The library has submitted the staffing proposal to change library aides and library clerks to library assistants. This was a result of the previous completed staffing study.

The floating collection process will move forward for branches. The library participated in the Pride Parade. A premiere of the documentary *Sex Sells* was held at the Central Library on July 29<sup>th</sup>. The documentary was about sex trafficking in San Diego.

**AGENDA ITEMS (Discussion Item)**

- a. Commissioners discussed visiting branches to find out what the community needs are. Ms. Nakamura suggested keeping a list of branches that were visited.
- b. A proposal for a new Matching Fund Policy was submitted to have one donation pool per branch.
- c. A document detailing the proposal for the materials recovery model was distributed for future discussion.

**COMMISSIONER COMMENT**

None.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Weiss adjourned the meeting at 1:57 p.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Misty Jones". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

MISTY JONES  
Library Director  
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